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Claims 1-7 and 9-16 are pending in the present application of which claims 1 and 9 are independent. Applicant hereby amends claims 1 and 9.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

In section 8 on pages 3-9, the Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,546,393 to Khan in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,974,237 to Shurmer et al. ("Shurmer"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 recites "associating each bookmark with a network object in accordance with the object's position within the network hierarchy, the network objects being selected from the list consisting of network elements, groups of network elements, line cards, and ports" (emphasis added). Independent claim 9 contains a similar recitation. Support in the specification for the subject matter added to claims 1 and 9 can be found in, for example, paragraph [0015].

Applicant respectfully submits that Khan does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. Khan's bookmarks are associated with URLs that provide locations for corresponding files accessible via the Internet. While Khan describes "categorization" of bookmarks in columns 11-12, Khan does not associate bookmarks with network objects in accordance with the object's position within a network hierarchy.

Claim 1 recites "organizing bookmarks corresponding to a layer of a network management map into a bookmark group" (emphasis added). Independent claim 9 contains a

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similar recitation. Support in the specification for the subject matter added to claims 1 and 9 can be found in, for example, paragraphs [0002] and [0029].

Applicant respectfully submits that Khan does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. Khan's web browser is not used for file management. Thus, Khan neither uses a network management map nor organizes bookmarks into groups that correspond to a layer of a management map.

Claim 1 recites "organizing a plurality of bookmark groups into a hierarchy that corresponds to the network hierarchy" (emphasis added). Independent claim 9 contains a similar recitation. Support in the specification for the subject matter added to claims 1 and 9 can be found in, for example, paragraphs [0002] and [0029].

Applicant respectfully submits that Khan does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. As stated above, Khan's web browser is not used for file management. Thus, Khan cannot organize bookmarks groups into a hierarchy that has the same arrangement as a hierarchy of managed network objects.

Applicant respectfully submits that Shurmer does not remedy the deficiencies of Khan, discussed in detail above. Shurmer relates to monitoring a communications network and contains no disclosure relevant to the implementation of a system for bookmark storage and retrieval. Moreover, Shurmer's teachings cannot be applied to Khan for network management involving a hierarchy of bookmarks and bookmarks groups that correspond to a network object hierarchy.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Khan and Shurmer fail to disclose, teach, or suggest the subject matter recited in independent claims 1 and 9. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-7 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-16 are allowable based at least on their dependence from claim 9.

For at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-7 and 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

While we believe that the instant Request places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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